

**MARKET COMMENTARY:**

The crude tanker tape has shifted from strong to structurally tight in a matter of weeks. As of late February, Baltic TCEs are printing at roughly USD 78k/day for Aframax, USD 129k/day for Suezmax and USD 177k/day for VLCCs, levels that historically coincide with geopolitical stress rather than seasonal strength. The key message for S&P is not the spike itself, but what it signals: effective supply of compliant tonnage is significantly smaller than headline fleet numbers imply.

Recent earnings have taken us back to rare territory.

VLCC returns are trading at levels last meaningfully seen during the 2020 dislocation, while Suezmax and Aframax earnings are revisiting peaks associated with periods of Middle East instability. History shows that tanker markets react asymmetrically to geopolitical shocks. The 1990–91 Gulf War, the 2002–03 Iraq conflict and even the summer 2019 attacks in the MEG all triggered sharp rate spikes. The 12-day Israel/US–Iran conflict in June 2025 created a similar, though short-lived, surge. What differentiates today’s environment is that rates were already firm before tensions escalated. The Iran briefing underlines the scale of potential disruption. Between 15–16 million barrels per day of crude transit the Strait of Hormuz. Even though pipeline alternatives exist, Saudi Arabia’s East-West line, the UAE’s Fujairah pipeline and limited Iraqi and Iranian bypass routes, much of that capacity is already utilized. In an outright closure scenario, roughly 10 million bpd of crude exports could face restriction, alongside approximately 2.5 million bpd of CPP volumes. Even partial interference, AIS jamming or selective vessel targeting would likely reduce the number of owners willing to call MEG, immediately pushing freight premiums higher.

Crucially, this is unfolding in a market where the “mainstream” fleet is already constrained. Around 15% of VLCCs and Suezmaxes and roughly 25% of Aframax/LR2 tonnage have migrated into the shadow or restricted fleet. The briefing models that replacing only Iranian flows — approximately 1.75 million bpd in 2025, with mainstream ships would require 25–30 VLCCs and 15–20 Suezmaxes. That is a meaningful incremental call on available tonnage in a spot fleet that is already tight. Venezuela illustrates how quickly demand can shift into the compliant pool. Based on Signal Ocean data, in early 2026, Venezuelan barrels have increasingly returned to mainstream trade. January saw around 18 million barrels lifted, mainly into the US on Aframaxes. February volumes rose to roughly 21 million barrels, with flows distributed across the U.S. (35.3%), Spain (13.9%), India (13.6%), China (9.3%), and other countries (27.9%), utilizing Suezmaxes (41.1%), Aframaxes (34.1%), and VLCCs (22.8%) in parallel. These barrels had largely been handled by restricted tonnage in previous years. Their migration back into the legitimate market adds structural demand without requiring global trade growth.

Importantly, global seaborne crude volumes themselves

are not materially higher year-on-year. The surge in earnings is therefore less about absolute demand expansion and more about risk premium, tonnage segmentation and fleet fragmentation. Owners are pricing uncertainty: potential insurance complications, war risk premiums, routing optionality and the possibility of further sanctions escalation. For asset values, this matters. Historically, geopolitical spikes that coincide with underlying fleet tightness tend to support second-hand prices more durably than purely cyclical rallies. If tensions remain elevated and shadow-to-mainstream migration continues, the market is not simply experiencing a rate spike, it is repricing effective supply. That distinction is critical for SnP positioning in the months ahead.

**IN A NUTSHELL:**

- **Effective compliant tanker supply far tighter than headline fleet numbers imply today. (Page 1)**
- **Geopolitical risk amplifies rates because markets already structurally firm before tensions escalated. (Page 1)**
- **Hormuz disruption could sideline ten million barrels daily exports despite pipeline alternatives. (Page 1)**
- **Shadow fleet migration and Venezuelan return tighten mainstream capacity without demand growth. (Page 1)**
- **WTI crude oil futures surged above \$72 pb. (Page 8)**

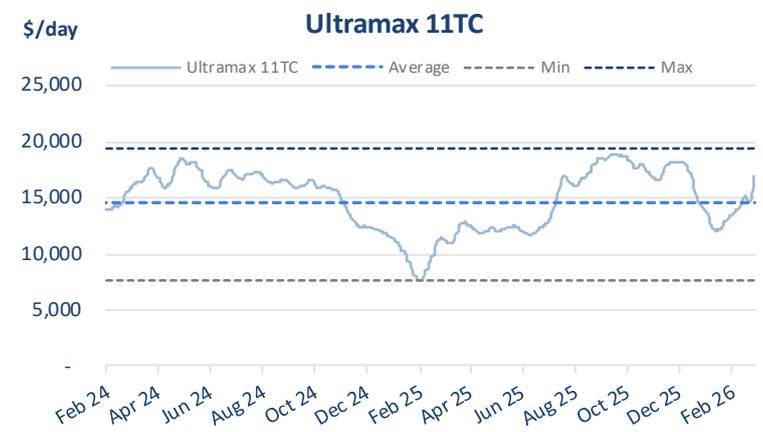
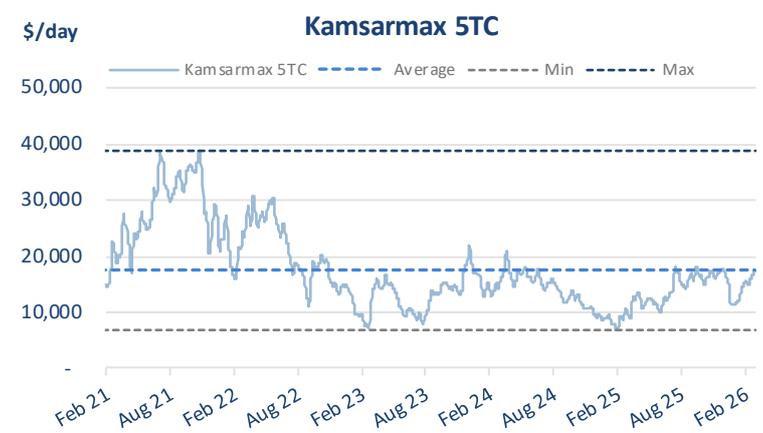
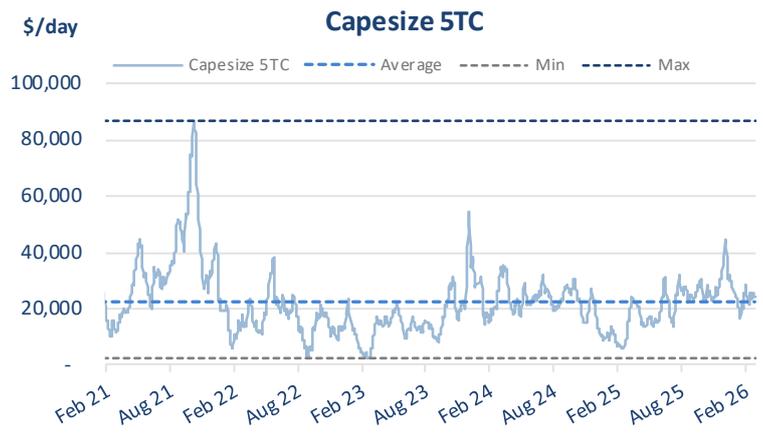
		Week 9	Week 8	±%	Average Indices		
					2026	2025	2024
DRY	BDI	<b>2,140</b>	2,043	4.7%	1,906	1,676	1,756
	BCI	<b>3,056</b>	3,051	0.2%	2,911	2,557	2,724
	BPI	<b>1,942</b>	1,838	5.7%	1,624	1,483	1,570
	BSI	<b>1,338</b>	1,159	15.4%	1,085	1,128	1,243
	BHSI	<b>776</b>	709	9.4%	645	661	704
WET	BDTI	<b>1,991</b>	1,787	11.4%	1,607	1,068	1,094
	BCTI	<b>906</b>	805	12.5%	836	667	821

**Capesize:** C5TC average closed the week at USD 24,211/day. Trip from Continent to F. East is down by 2.1k/day at USD 50,028/day, Transatlantic R/V is lower by 3.3k/day at USD 25,906/day, and Bolivar to Rotterdam is lower by 3.9k/day at USD 32,792/day, while Transpacific R/V is increased by 3.2k/day at USD 28,568/day. Trip from Tubarao to Rotterdam is reduced by 2.7k/day at USD 20,308/day, China-Brazil R/V is lower by 1.1k/day at USD 26,568/day, and trip from Saldanha Bay to Qinqdao is reduced by 2.7k/day at USD 20,308/day.

**Kamsarmax/Panamax:** P5TC average started the week at USD 16,543/day closing with an increase at USD 17,481/day. Trip from Skaw-Gib to F. East is improved by 0.6k/day at USD 22,807/day, Pacific R/Vis up by 1.6k/day at USD 19,729/day, while Transatlantic R/V is reduced by 1.2k/day at USD 13,886/day, and Singapore R/V via Atlantic is increased by 1.7k/day at USD 18,415/day.

**Ultramax/Supramax:** Ultramax S11TC average closed the week about USD 2.3k/day higher than its opening at USD 16,915/day. The Supramax S10TC average closed the week about 2.3k/day higher than its opening at USD 14,881/day. The Baltic Supramax Asia S3TC average closed the week about 4.4k/day higher than previous week at USD 15,654/day. N. China one Australian or Pacific R/V is improved by 4.8k/day at USD 17,063/day, USG to Skaw Passero is firmer by 1.6k/day at USD 26,964/day. S. China trip via Indonesia to EC India is up by 4.5k/day at USD 16,343/day, trip from S. China via Indonesia to S. China pays USD 12,925/day, while Med/B.Sea to China/S.Korea is increased by 0.6k/day at USD 18,017/day.

**Handysize:** HS7TC average closed the week improved by 1.2k/day at USD 13,976/day. Skaw-Passero trip to Boston-Galveston pays 0.5k/day more at USD 10,357/day, Brazil to Cont. pays 0.5k/day more at USD 24,483/day, S.E. Asia trip to Spore/Japan 1.8k/day is firmer at USD 10,819/day, China/S.Korea/Japan round trip is increased by 1.6k/day at USD 10,519/day, and trip from U.S. Gulf to Cont. is increased by 1.2k/day at USD 25,536/day, while N.China—S.Korea-Japan trip to S.E. Asia is increased by 1.8k/day at USD 10,219/day.

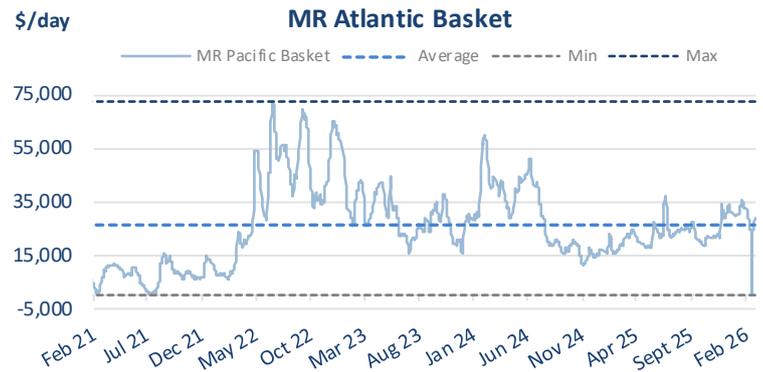
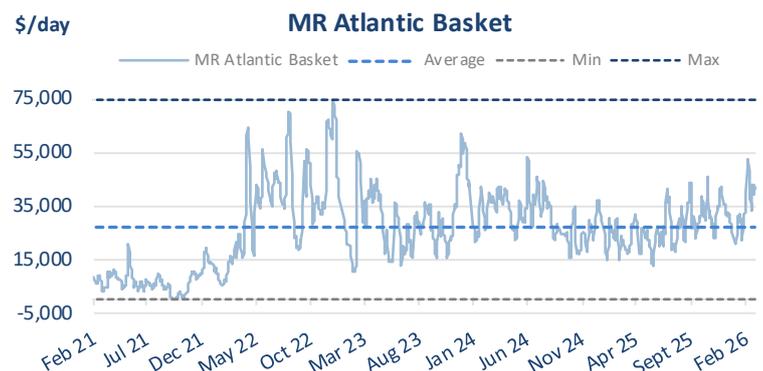
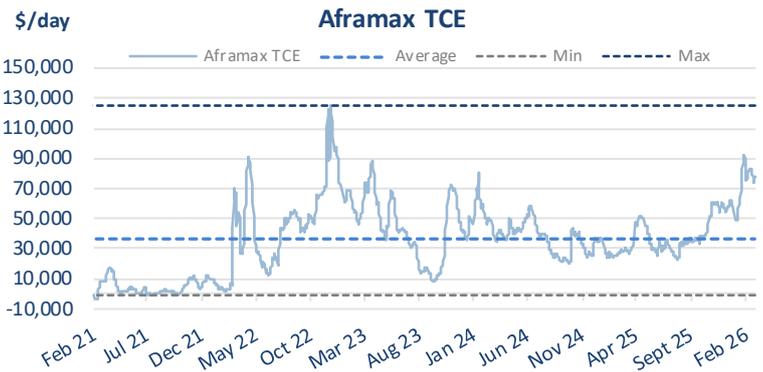
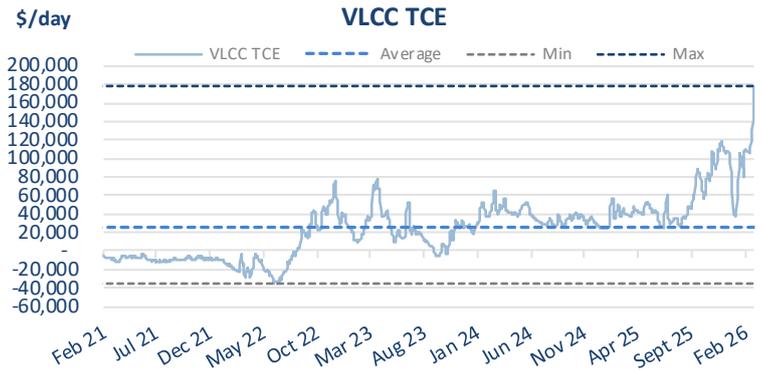


**VLCC:** average T/CE ended the week up by 45.6k/day at USD 177,469/day. Middle East Gulf to China trip is up at USD 282K/day. West Africa to China trip is up by 52.1k/day at USD 188,975/day and US Gulf to China trip is up by 23.8k/day at USD 125,279/day .

**Suezmax:** average T/CE closed the week firmer by 33.5k/day at USD 129,073/day. West Africa to Continent trip is up by 33.7k/day at USD 108,065/day, Black Sea to Mediterranean is up by 33.3k/day at USD 150,080/day, and Middle East Gulf to Med trip is improved by 18.1k/day at USD 73,480/day, while trip from Guyana to ARA is improved by 37.4k/day at USD 111,017/day.

**Aframax:** average T/CE closed the week lower by 0.2k/day at USD 78,357/day. North Sea to Continent trip is up by 3.5k/day at USD 100,338/day, Kuwait to Singapore is up by 8k/day at USD 61,411/day, while route from Caribbean to US Gulf trip is up by 0.3k/day at USD 91,844/day. Trip from South East Asia to East Coast Australia is up by 1.9k/day at USD 48,060/day & Cross Mediterranean trip is down by 18.4k/day at USD 78,013/day. US Gulf to UK-Continent is improved by 1.6k/day at USD 78,187/day and the East Coast Mexico to US Gulf trip is up by USD 1.9k/day at USD 104,135/day.

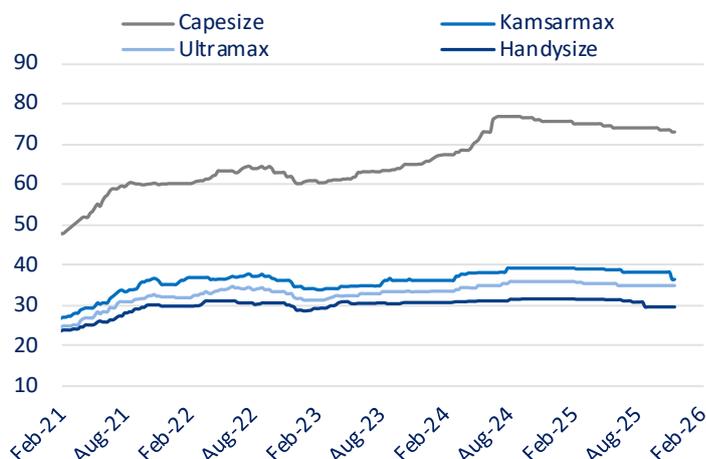
**Products:** The **LR2** route (TC1) Middle East to Japan is this week higher by 16.9k/day at USD 53,710/day. Trip from (TC15) Med to Far East has increased by 0.2k/day at USD 33,744/day and (TC20) AG to UK Continent is up by 13.9k/day at USD 45,225/day. The **LR1** route (TC5) from Middle East Gulf to Japan is up by 9.1k/day at USD 37,297/day, while the (TC8) Middle East Gulf to UK -Continent is up by 13.9k/day at USD 45,225/day and the (TC16) Amsterdam to Lome trip is reduced by 0.1k/day at USD 26,008/day. The **MR** Atlantic Basket is decreased by 1k/day at USD 41,801/day & the **MR** Pacific Basket earnings are improved by 4.7k/day at USD 28,744/day. The **MR** route from Rotterdam to New York (TC2) is firmer by 16.9k/day at USD 53,710/day, (TC6) Intermed (Algeria to Euro Med) earnings are firmer by 9.1k/day at USD 37,297/day, (TC14) US Gulf to Continent is up by 3.1k/day at USD 17,519/day, (TC18) US Gulf to Brazil earnings are higher by 8.5k/day at USD 28,262/day, (TC23) Amsterdam to Le Havre is higher by 1.8k/day at USD 24,362/day while Yeosu to Botany Bay (TC22) is firmer by 5.9k/day at USD 37,311/day and ARA to West Africa (TC19) is down by 2.7k/day at USD 38,640/day .



## Dry Newbuilding Prices (\$ mills)

Size	Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
Capesize	<b>74.8</b>	75.0	0%	74.4	74.2	73.2
Kamsarmax	<b>36.5</b>	38.8	-6%	36.4	38.1	38.0
Ultramax	<b>33.8</b>	35.7	-6%	33.8	35.2	35.1
Handysize	<b>29.5</b>	31.4	-6%	29.4	30.6	31.1

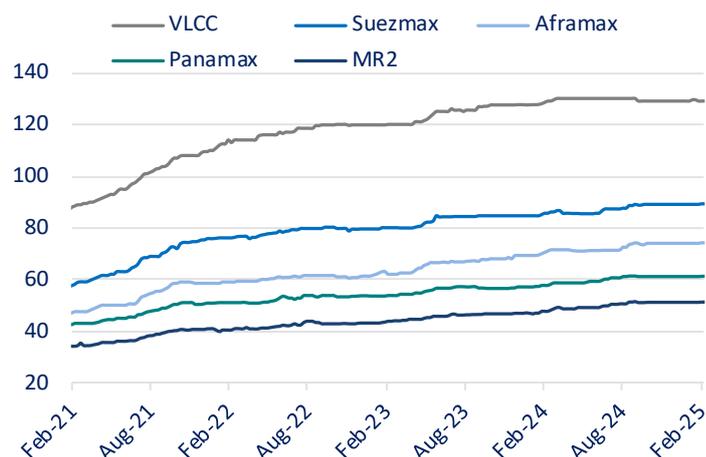
Above prices/trends refer to Chinese shipbuilding



## Tanker Newbuilding Prices (\$ mills)

Size	Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
VLCC	<b>129.1</b>	129.0	0%	127.9	126.6	129.4
Suezmax	<b>86.9</b>	89.7	-3%	86.6	87.5	87.6
Aframax	<b>72.1</b>	74.7	-3%	71.7	73.0	72.7
Panamax	<b>57.6</b>	61.6	-6%	58.1	60.0	60.2
MR2	<b>49.5</b>	51.7	-4%	49.3	50.1	50.2

Above prices/trends refer to S. Korean shipbuilding



## Newbuilding Activity:

### NEWBUILDING ORDERS

TYPE	UNITS	SIZE	YARD	BUYER	PRICE (\$ mills)	DELIVERY	COMMENTS
TANKER	4	319,000 DWT	NEW HANTONG	ZODIAC MARITIME	120 EACH	2029	DECLARED OPTIONS
TANKER	1	157,000 DWT	SAMSUNG VIETNAM	ZODIAC MARITIME	85	2029	
TANKER	9	50,000 DWT	GUANGZHOU	CENTRAL MARE	N/A	2028-29	7+4 YEARS TC ATTACHED
TANKER	2+2	50,000 DWT	JIANGSU NEW YANGZI	D'AMICO	45.4 EACH	2029	
BC	2+2	215,000 DWT	WUHU	UNION MARITIME	76 EACH	2028	
BC	2	182,000 DWT	HENGLI	MARAN DRY	N/A	Q4 2028	DECLARED OPTIONS
BC	5	63,500 DWT	JIANGMEN NANYANG	SUISSE ATLANTIQUE	33.5 EACH	2028-29	
CONTAINER	4	1,900 TEU	JIANGSU NEW YANGZI	MANQIANG	31 EACH	2028-29	
CONTAINER	6	1,800 TEU	HHI	KMTC	43 EACH	2028	
LNG	4+4	200,000 CBM	HHI	NYK LINE	260 EACH	2029	LONG TERM TC ATTACHED
LNG	1	180,000 CBM	SAMSUNG	CELSIUS TANKERS	255 EACH	2028	DF LNG
LNG	1+1	174,000 CBM	HHI	TSAKOS	254.3 EACH	2028	DF LNG

DRY SECONDHAND PRICES (\$ mills)							
		Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
		2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
Capesize	Resale	<b>80.5</b>	75.1	7%	79.3	75.7	75.7
	5 Year	<b>68.5</b>	62.1	10%	67.4	62.6	62.6
	10 Year	<b>52.5</b>	42.7	23%	51.8	45.6	43.1
	15 Year	<b>34.3</b>	26.4	30%	33.5	27.4	27.9
Kamsarmax	Resale	<b>42.0</b>	38.5	9%	41.5	38.7	41.8
	5 Year	<b>34.8</b>	32.5	7%	34.0	32.3	32.3
	10 Year	<b>26.6</b>	24.5	9%	25.6	24.8	27.3
	15 Year	<b>18.3</b>	14.3	28%	17.8	15.6	18.1
Ultramax	Resale	<b>41.3</b>	37.0	11%	40.3	37.8	40.6
	5 Year	<b>34.8</b>	30.6	14%	33.2	31.1	31.1
	10 Year	<b>26.6</b>	22.2	20%	25.8	22.9	26.0
Supramax	15 Year	<b>16.7</b>	14.3	17%	16.2	15.0	15.9
	Resale	<b>34.3</b>	33.0	4%	34.1	33.0	34.0
Handysize	5 Year	<b>27.3</b>	25.5	7%	27.1	25.9	25.9
	10 Year	<b>20.4</b>	17.1	19%	20.6	19.0	19.8
	15 Year	<b>12.1</b>	11.0	10%	12.0	11.7	12.3

**Dry S&P Activity:**

This week’s dry bulk activity was spread across all sizes, with notable interest in both larger and handy segments. On the Capesize sector, the **“CAPE KENSINGTON”** - 203K/2006 CSBC was sold for USD 26 mills. Moving to the Post-Panamax sector, the sister vessels **“ROZA”** - 93K/2010 YZJ **“TRINITY I”** - 93K/2010 YZJ were sold for region USD 11.5 mills each. The Electronic M/E Kamsarmax **“THREE SASKIAS”** - 81K/2014 JMU achieved region USD 26.8 mills, while the **“ASL MOON”** - 81K/2008 Mitsui was sold to Chinese buyers for USD 13.6 mills. On the Panamax sector, the **“OCEAN LION”** - 75K/2005 Sanoyas was sold for region USD 10 mills. In the Ultramax sector, the **“JIN PING”** - 63K/2014 Jiangsu Hantong was sold for high USD 23 mills, while the Supramax **“CORAL GEM”** - 55K/2010 NACKS changed hands for USD 14.5 mills

Finally, the Handysize market saw steady activity. The **“CL CONTIGO”** - 40K/2015 Jiangsu Hantong achieved USD 19.5 mills. The **“AFRICAN PIPER”** - 34K/2015 Namura was sold for excess USD 18.5 mills.

BULK CARRIER SALES							
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (\$ mills)	COMMENTS
CAPE KENSINGTON	203,512	2006	TAIWAN	CSBC	UNDISCLOSED	26	
ROZA	93,386	2010	CHINA	YZJ	UNDISCLOSED	REGION 11.5	
TRINITY I	93,280	2010	CHINA	YZJ	UNDISCLOSED	EACH	
THREE SASKIAS	81,094	2014	JAPAN	JMU	UNDISCLOSED	26.8	ELECTRONIC M/E
ASL MOON	81,702	2008	JAPAN	MITSUI	CHINESE	13.6	
OCEAN LION	75,656	2005	JAPAN	SANOYAS	UNDISCLOSED	REGION 10	
DESERT DIGNITY	63,503	2016	JAPAN	IMABARI	UNDISCLOSED	28	
JIN PING	63,800	2014	CHINA	JIANGSU HANTONG	UNDISCLOSED	HIGH 23	
CORAL GEM	55,073	2010	CHINA	NACKS	UNDISCLOSED	14.5	
ASIAN PEARL	50,307	2003	JAPAN	KAWASAKI	UNDISCLOSED	7.7	
CL CONTIGO	40,798	2015	CHINA	JIANGSU HANTONG	UNDISCLOSED	19.5	
AFRICAN PIPER	34,365	2015	JAPAN	NAMURA	UNDISCLOSED	EXCESS 18.5	

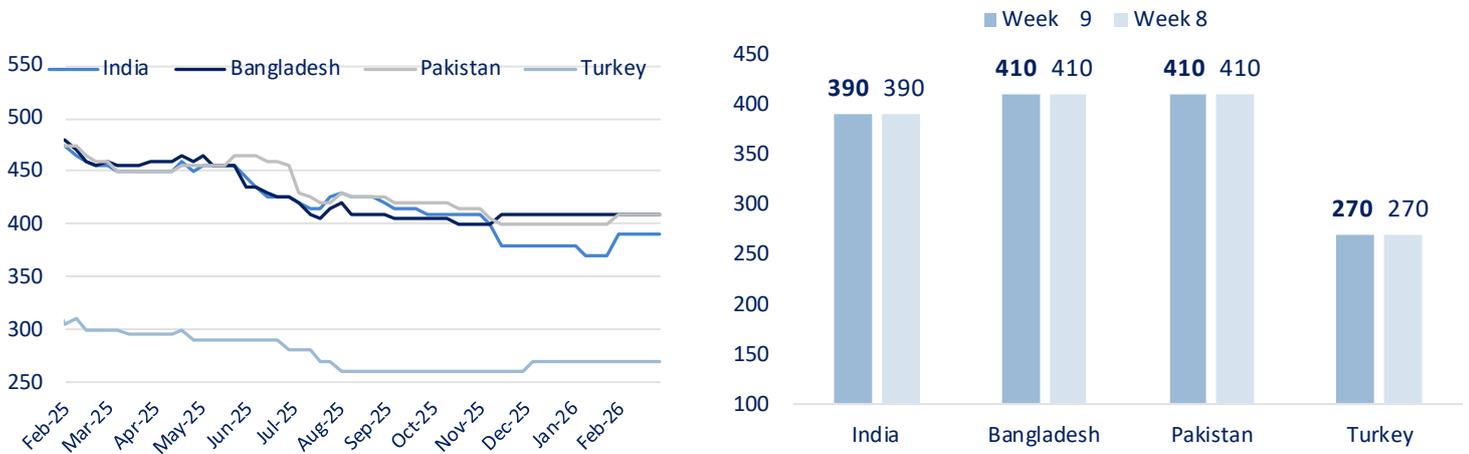
TANKER SECONDHAND PRICES (\$ mills)							
		Feb	Feb	±%	Average Prices		
		2026	2025		2026	2025	2024
VLCC	Resale	<b>164.7</b>	146.3	13%	159.5	146.6	144.2
	5 Year	<b>134.0</b>	112.3	19%	130.1	115.4	115.4
	10 Year	<b>107.5</b>	83.3	29%	105.0	85.3	84.1
	15 Year	<b>82.3</b>	53.0	55%	78.8	56.2	57.1
Suezmax	Resale	<b>104.5</b>	94.3	11%	101.9	94.3	98.4
	5 Year	<b>86.0</b>	74.5	15%	84.3	76.5	76.5
	10 Year	<b>70.3</b>	58.5	20%	68.9	61.0	66.3
	15 Year	<b>51.0</b>	39.6	29%	49.7	40.8	47.4
Aframax	Resale	<b>86.3</b>	76.0	13%	82.4	75.6	84.3
	5 Year	<b>72.5</b>	62.6	16%	71.2	62.8	62.8
	10 Year	<b>60.0</b>	50.3	19%	59.2	50.9	58.2
	15 Year	<b>37.0</b>	35.0	6%	37.9	35.1	41.6
MR2	Resale	<b>54.0</b>	51.0	6%	53.4	51.3	54.3
	5 Year	<b>45.1</b>	41.0	10%	44.1	41.5	41.5
	10 Year	<b>35.5</b>	30.5	16%	34.9	31.4	37.5
	15 Year	<b>25.3</b>	21.4	18%	24.8	20.5	26.5

**Tanker S&P Activity:**

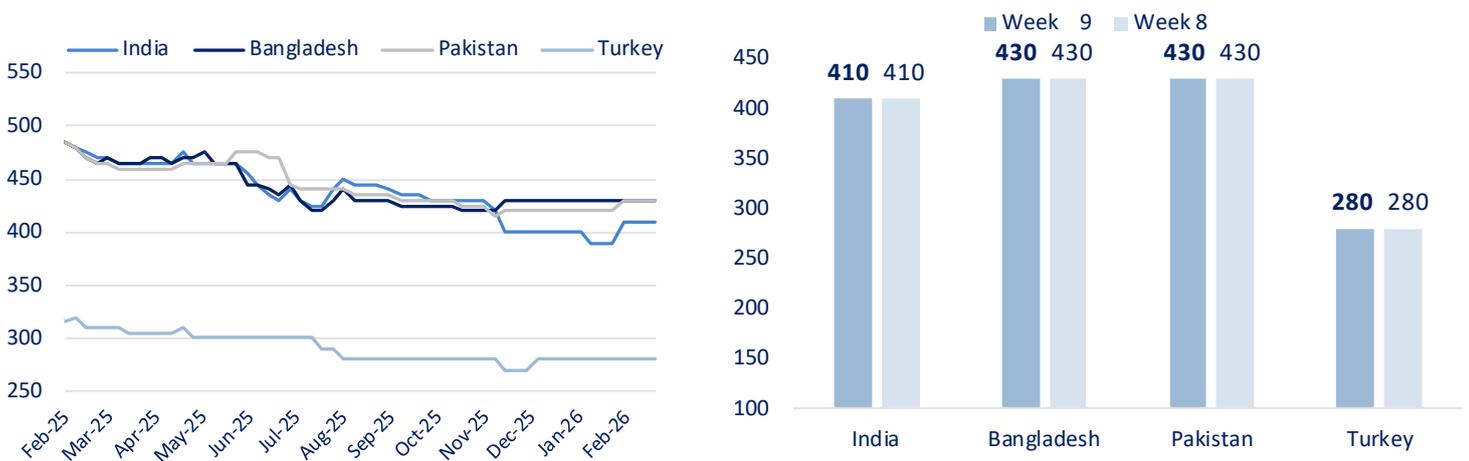
This week’s tanker sale and purchase activity was evenly distributed across the VLCC, Suezmax, Aframax/LR2 and MR segments. On the VLCC sector, the Rt Flex Engine “**KIHO**” - 300K/2006 IHI was sold for USD 51–52 mills, while the “**HAISHEN**” - 308K/2005 Samsung changed hands for USD 38 mills. In the Suezmax segment, Greek buyers acquired the “**SIGRUN**” - 156K/2013 Sumitomo for USD 65 mills. On the LR2 sector, the “**STI SOLIDARITY**” - 109K/2015 Sungdong was sold to Hayfin Capital for USD 59.8 mills. The Scrubber fitted Aframax “**SINBAD**” - 115K/2009 Samsung achieved USD 40 mills, while the LR2 “**ZENOVIA LADY**” - 109K/2009 Sungdong was sold for USD 41 mills. Moving to the LR1 sector, the “**HAFNIA ZAMBESI**” - 76K/2010 Dalian and the “**HAFNIA YANGTZE**” - 76K/2009 Dalian were both sold for USD 20 mills each. The dirty trading LR1 “**CHEMTRANS TAURUS**” - 72K/2006 Dalian changed hands for USD 12.5 mills. Finally, in the MR2 segment, the 2020-built sister vessels “**NORD MARVEL**” and “**NORD MAVERICK**” - 50K/2020 HMD were sold at high USD 44 mills each. The “**ALTAIR**” - 50K/2017 Dae Sun changed hands for USD 38 mills, while the “**FALCON MAJESTIC**” - 47K/2008 HMD achieved USD 17.75 mills. Concluding the list, the “**MARINER A**” - 40K/2005 Shina was sold to Nigerian buyers for USD 12 mills.

TANKER SALES							
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (\$ mills)	COMMENTS
KIHO	300,866	2006	JAPAN	IHI	UNDISCLOSED	51-52	
HAISHEN	308,930	2005	S. KOREA	SAMSUNG	UNDISCLOSED	38	
SIGRUN	156,092	2013	JAPAN	SUMITOMO	GREEK	65	
STI SOLIDARITY	109,999	2015	S. KOREA	SUNG Dong	HAYFIN CAPITAL	59.8	COATED
SINBAD	115,949	2009	S. KOREA	SAMSUNG	UNDISCLOSED	40	SCRUBBER FITTED
ZENOVIA LADY	109,999	2009	S. KOREA	SUNG Dong	UNDISCLOSED	41	COATED
NORDSYMPHONY	106,246	2008	JAPAN	TSUNEISHI	UNDISCLOSED	33.5	
HAFNIA ZAMBESI	76,578	2010	CHINA	DALIAN	UNDISCLOSED	20	COATED
HAFNIA YANGTZE	76,579	2009	CHINA	DALIAN	UNDISCLOSED	20	COATED
CHEMTRANS TAURUS	72,782	2006	CHINA	DALIAN	UNDISCLOSED	12.5	DPP
NORD MARVEL	50,185	2020	S. KOREA	HMD	UNDISCLOSED	HIGH 44	
NORD MAVERICK	50,185	2020	S. KOREA	HMD	UNDISCLOSED	EACH	
ALTAIR	50,583	2017	S. KOREA	DAE SUN	UNDISCLOSED	38	
FALCON MAJESTIC	47,097	2008	S. KOREA	HMD	UNDISCLOSED	17.75	
MARINER A	40,099	2005	S. KOREA	SHINA	NIGERIAN	12	

**Dry Demolition Prices (\$/LDT)**



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**DEMO SALES**

NAME	TYPE	YEAR	DWT	LDT	COUNTRY	PRICE (\$/LDT)	BUYERS	COMMENTS
XING FA	TANKER	2003	6,988	2,340	CHINA	370	PAKISTAN	
JAHAN SISTERS	BC	1982	47,639	11,145	JAPAN	N/A	BANGLADESH	
ATLAS	BC	1995	3,710	2,346	RUSSIA	N/A	PAKISTAN	

COMMODITIES AND CURRENCIES			
Energy	Price	Weekly	YoY
Crude Oil	72.40	9.14%	26.04%
Brent	79.37	11.00%	30.41%
Natural gas	3.03	3.95%	-17.63%
Gasoline	2.41	7.21%	40.79%
Heating oil	2.98	11.42%	40.66%
Ethanol	1.79	3.77%	12.76%
Naphtha	588.28	3.62%	20.46%
Propane	0.67	3.06%	5.82%
Uranium	86.55	-3.19%	6.00%
Methanol	2288.00	1.78%	4.47%
TTF Gas	46.87	49.47%	66.96%
UK Gas	118.91	55.15%	61.48%

Metals			
Gold	5,406.4	3.33%	25.03%
Silver	94.3	6.79%	32.15%
Platinum	2,350.2	9.03%	13.38%

Industrial			
Copper	5.96	3.06%	4.84%
Coal	118.50	1.98%	10.23%
Steel	3070.00	1.22%	-0.84%
Iron Ore	99.06	-0.27%	-7.53%
Aluminum	3235.85	4.50%	7.88%
LithiumCNY/T	172500.00	13.49%	45.57%

Currencies			
EUR/USD	1.170	-0.67%	-0.30%
GBP/USD	1.339	-0.73%	-0.49%
USD/JPY	157.472	1.81%	0.46%
USD/CNY	6.898	0.12%	-1.13%
USD/CHF	0.778	0.46%	-1.84%
USD/SGD	1.274	0.53%	-0.96%
USD/KRW	1461.420	1.19%	1.44%
USD/INR	91.723	0.78%	2.07%

Bunker Prices	VLSFO	IFO380	MGO	Spread VLSFO-	Diff Spread	% Spread
Singapore	521.50	436.50	709.50	85.00	9.0	11.8%
Rotterdam	489.50	438.00	720.00	51.50	2.5	5.1%
Fujairah	519.50	420.50	777.50	99.00	18.5	23.0%
Houston	494.50	389.00	710.00	105.50	-3.0	-2.8%

- In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial average decreased by 1.3% at 48,978 points, S&P 500 went down by 0.44% at 6,879 points and NASDAQ fell by 0.95% at 22,668 points. The main European indices closed higher, with the Euro Stoxx50 closing up by only 0.12% at 6,138 points and Stoxx600 up by 0.52% at 634 points mark. In Asia, the Nikkei closed the week at 58,850, gaining 3.56% on a weekly basis, while Hang Seng went up by 0.82% at 26,631 points mark and the CSI 300 index closed the week at 4,711 points, 1.08% higher than previous week.
- WTI crude oil futures rose more than 7% toward \$72 per barrel on Monday, the highest in over eight months, after earlier surging as much as 10% as unprecedented joint US and Israeli strikes on Iran sharply escalated tensions across the Middle East. Markets are closely monitoring the risk of disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital chokepoint that handles roughly one-fifth of global oil shipments and significant volumes of natural gas.
- European natural gas futures surged more than 22% to above €39/MWh on Monday, nearing their June highs, as mounting disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz raised concerns over global LNG supplies. The rally mirrored broader strength across energy markets after the US and Israel launched a series of strikes on Iran, prompting retaliatory attacks by Tehran against targets in the region.

WTI Crude Oil



TTF Gas



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